

Colonel Beebe assumes command

Staff Sgt. Kevin Tomko
Staff Writer

A former group commander at Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., assumed command of the 927th Air Refueling Wing during a change of command ceremony Oct. 30 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

Colonel Gary E. Beebe, former commander of the 434th Operations Group, succeeded Col. Kenneth D. Suggs, who retired after 32 years of military service.

Colonel Suggs and his wife, 1st Lt. Michele Suggs, are moving to San Antonio, Texas, where Mrs. Suggs will enter active duty. In a reversal of traditional roles, Colonel Suggs said he will become a dependent spouse, and looks forward to raising his 9-month-old son, Chance, and riding his Harley in the hill country of Texas.

"The Base Realignment and Closure Commission has thrown the 927th a curve ball," said Colonel Beebe. "We have to figure out how to hit that curve ball."

He said we only get control of about 15 percent of what happens in life, but we can control 100 percent of our attitudes.

"We have 917 people in the wing. We need to take care of each and every one of them," the colonel said.

He said his biggest fear is that wing members may say, "I don't care anymore. They



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Col. Gary Beebe, new commander of the 927th Air Refueling Wing, addresses the audience following the change of command ceremony Oct. 30. Colonel Beebe said the wing must take care of its members.

took my wing away ... my opportunity to serve."

He said the wing's realignment will require leadership at all levels – from the youngest airman to Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command – to take opportunities to mentor and teach others the value of a good attitude.

Colonel Beebe, who has 31 years of service, served in five assignments with the 434th Air Refueling Wing, including chief pilot, chief standardization evaluation officer, operations officer and deputy operations group commander, and commander of the 72nd Air Refueling Squadron.

He was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1974, and entered active duty. Upon graduation

from pilot training at Webb Air Force Base, Texas, in 1975, he served as a KC-135A copilot, aircraft commander and instructor and evaluator pilot at Blytheville Air Force Base, Ark., and Grissom ARB, Ind.

His next assignment was to the Pacific Tanker Task Force at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. He was selected to work at Headquarters Strategic Air Command in the Special Operations tanker division.

He separated from active duty and joined the Air Force Reserve in 1989 as an Air Reserve Technician and assistant chief pilot in the 434th.

Colonel Beebe has been activated for operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Allied Force (Kosovo), and Enduring Freedom. He participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in a volunteer status.

He is a command pilot with more than 6,500 flying hours in the KC-135A, E, and R models and the EC-135L and G models.

Colonel Beebe's education includes a bachelor of science degree in geography from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1974, a master of arts in public service from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., 1990, and the Air Force correspondence courses Squadron Officers School 1983, Air Command and Staff College, 1985, and Air War College, 1995, all from Maxwell Air Force Base. He is presently working on a doctorate degree in organizational leadership.

The colonel's major awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters-Valor device, Combat Readiness Medal with 12 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two stars, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one service star, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait Government).

► VIEW FROM THE TOP

Take care of your people

Col. Gary Beebe
Wing Commander

Thank you for welcoming me and my family and friends during the Oct. 30 change of command ceremony.

My first operational assignment was to Blytheville Air Force Base, Ark., and my sponsor was 1st Lt. Ken Suggs. It is an honor to follow him now at the 927th Air Refueling Wing.

Whenever I get a new commander, I always ask, "What is he or she about? What is important to that person?" My number one priority is to take care of the 900-plus people who make up the 927th ARW.

That is easy to say, but



how do you do that? It starts with attitude; deciding that I will treat every person with dignity and respect and then ask that every person around me do the same. It makes a difference.

At the AFRC commander's

conference, Lt. Gen. Bradley brought in a speaker to talk to every wing commander about "servant leadership." Treating others better than they expect to be treated is a timeless principle. It makes people feel valued as a part of the organization.

Teach, mentor, thank

We are at a point in time when we are hiring more non-prior service people than ever before. They don't have the active-duty experience to carry them through. We have to mentor them and teach them the ways of the military.

Chief Mitchell, 4th Air Force Command Chief, shared with me a common theme he hears from young airmen and officers: they don't know what to

do to add value to the organization and eventually get promoted.

Everyone in this wing has a responsibility to look after the needs of the people in the organization. Commanders, Officers, First Shirts, Senior NCOs, NCOs and first-term Airmen, you are all leaders. Take time to teach, mentor and thank each member of the organization. Show them and tell them of the value that they bring to the defense of this great nation.

I am excited to be a part of the 927th ARW, and I thank each and every one of you for your service. Your presence in this organization is important and it is appreciated.

Employers learn importance of wing's mission

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There they were, armed to the hilt – armed with everything from disposable cameras to the latest videography equipment.

Employers of 927th ARW reservists filed in to recently remodeled Building 17 on the morning of Sept. 17 prior to embarking on Employer Appreciation Day 2005.

Thirty employers were treated to coffee and doughnuts before Lt. Col. Michael Cole briefed them on the importance of the employer-reservist relationship. Colonel Cole is the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) liaison for the 927th Air Refueling Wing.

Wing Commander Col. Kenneth D. Suggs then gave a brief presentation on the structure of the Air Force and the role of the 927th in the history of refueling.



Staff Sgt. Chris Cratty, 927th SFS, shows an employer a 9mm pistol at Employer Appreciation Day.

The group was taken to Hangar 36 to observe static displays presented by Security Forces, Life Support and Communications.

"This is good information," said Nazih Hazime, a guest employer, as he watched the Security Forces presentation. "We take a lot for granted. We don't realize

what goes into the preparation the military has."

The employers were then loaded on to two KC-135Rs for a mission to refuel a KC-10 over Pennsylvania. The KC-10 received fuel from each tanker, providing plenty of photography opportunities for the guests from the side windows and through the boom area.

Employers were treated to a lunch while on the flight, before returning to the base.

"This was extremely informative," said Thomas Carey, guest employer.

It's nice to see what the reservist has to go through, said Carey.

"I never knew there was so much involved," said Ray Franklin, another guest employer.

After returning to base, the guests were taken to a conference room where Colonel Suggs conducted a question-and-answer session. The employers were then allowed to meet with their respective reservists and tour their work spaces.

► FROM THE RANKS

Grow during season of change

CMSgt Gregory Osowski
Wing Command Chief

I remember the classic Abbott and Costello skit “Who’s on First?” Strange as it sounds, I feel like this skit is playing out before my eyes. Let’s see now, we have a new Commander, Vice, IG, and several new squadron commanders. Our wing personnel are scattered throughout the world and we are participating in the AEF. Add to it all of the retirements and job relocations. All I can ask is, “Who’s on first?”

Seize opportunity to grow

Granted there have been so many changes with more to come, but with change comes



the opportunity to succeed. Seize the moment and the opportunity to grow.

It bothers me when I see so many individuals sitting in higher slots who are not accomplishing their PME/Upgrade training for promotion.

Think about it. If you accomplish this training for promotion, in essence you are preparing yourself for two promotions: the slot you are in and the next higher promotion. Seize the moment.

As the wing prepares for realignment, volunteers of all ranks will be solicited for input in the organization of the new associate wing. A slew of committees exist that need new voices and younger ideas. Step up and volunteer. Seize the moment.

We often think of change only in military terms. Changes also occur in our physical, emotional, spiritual, and family settings. During this peaceful season of the year, take the

time to relax, regroup, and refocus on the important things in your life. Seize the moment.

For those that don’t know it, this is my last holiday article. As I prepare for my February retirement, I want to tell you that I’m so proud of each of you. I have been so blessed. “Thank you” for all of your contributions and dedication to our country.

I would also like to thank Colonel Suggs for sharing six years of his life with us. I would also like to welcome Colonel Beebe to the finest wing in AFRC.

To each of you and your families, have a blessed and safe holiday season. Seize the moment.

Support deployed troops over holidays

Maj. Douglas DeWitt
927th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain

As the holiday season approaches, members of the 927th will join with loved ones throughout the United States to attend worship services, exchange gifts, enjoy wonderful cooking, watch parades, and cheer on their favorite football teams.

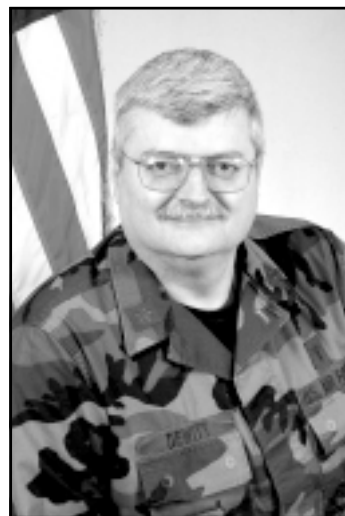
However, there are times when we are unable to be with family over the holidays. During one’s military career, we may find ourselves on the other side of the world – thousands of miles from loved ones. Not too many years ago I had one such holiday season.

This was a time before e-mail and phone calls back home were expensive and far between. You had to have a

control number to use DSN and they weren’t easy to get. But the U.S. mail worked and we had letters and packages from home all marked “Do Not Open Until Christmas.”

Following the Christmas Eve chapel service, many of us gathered in the common area to open presents and to share our memories. It was then, someone suggested we move over to the air evac hospital. Joining with the medical staff and patients, we turned on AFN radio for Christmas carols and started opening presents and care packages from home.

Men and women from every region and culture in the United States along with allies from other countries became a family that night. The food was stale and smashed



but I’ve never had a more delicious meal. Soon we turned off AFN, so we could teach each other new Christmas carols and Jewish songs. Into the night we sang songs (some in English, many not), ate our fill, shared memories of home while creating memories that

will last a lifetime.

A week later we gathered around a small black-and-white television to watch the Rose Bowl on AFN. The picture was rolling and every player had a ghost following behind him doing everything the player did, but the excitement was just as great as any game watched back home.

Forge fellowship in service

That year I learned that it’s not how much you have, it’s who you share it with; and the fellowship forged in the service of democracy overcomes all obstacles.

As we gather this year to celebrate the holidays, may we pause to remember our brother and sisters in arms serving around the world and to give thanks for their dedication.

► NEWS

Wing's chaplains deploy to Southwest Asia

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Take one trained servicemember, send him to a location where the enemy has no uniform, where car bombs and death are a daily occurrence, and where life seems cheap. Now let him watch a friend die or have a loved one become ill back home.

Most servicemembers will come home unscathed emotionally while others may not be so fortunate.

This is where Wing Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas A. DeWitt and Chaplain's Assistant Staff Sgt. Walter M. Connolly met their challenge. This past summer they completed separate tours in Southwest Asia while assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Their job was to hold services for all branches and to provide counseling.

Sergeant Connolly said his job was to provide protection for chaplains and schedule chaplains' events.

Chaplain DeWitt said he was one of

two chaplains on location.

"We had services and Bible studies every day," he said. "When we weren't leading a service, we were counseling troops."

The chaplain said many times he was called to a forward position or downrange.

"It was not uncommon to get a call in the middle of the night from someone in a remote location who needed counseling," he said.

Chaplain DeWitt said the most common counseling needs were separation from family, stress of isolation, separation of relationships, sexual assault, and the soldier that took a life for the first time.

"Sometimes a soldier would come back from a group and he was the only survivor from an attack," he said. "He may have a lot of guilt and wonder why he was spared."

A servicemember may have questions about his moral responsibilities when taking a life, said the chaplain.

"I tell him there is evil in the world and God calls people to go against that evil," he said. "We are defending these God-

given rights to people and the protection of the innocent."

Both Chaplain DeWitt and Sergeant Connolly said they received good training for these situations at Silver Flag training facility, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Chaplain DeWitt said he had prior training as a police chaplain.

Sergeant Connolly said his training in family support and his civilian job as a junior high school teacher also helped him.

"My most memorable experience was when a security forces airman came in distraught because his mother needed a kidney transplant and he just wanted to talk to someone," said Sergeant Connolly. "The war changed me in that now I appreciate more of the little things in life."

Chaplain DeWitt said he had many memorable experiences and touched many people's lives.

"Everyone is changed from a war, but we are seeing success in Iraq," he said. "We worked longer hours, but had more of a sense of accomplishment."



PHOTO BY LOMAX LAGRANDE JR., 127TH WG MULTIMEDIA SERVICES

Seven members of 927th Security Forces Squadron deployed Sept. 21 to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in support of Joint Task Force Katrina. Senior Master Sgt. Steven Ford, Master Sgt. Nzinga Moore, Tech. Sgt. Ron Taylor, Staff Sgt. Ryan Lamarr, Senior Airman Bjorn Solheim, Senior Airman Chris Campbell and Airman 1st Class Chris Kramarczyk joined Air Force Reserve and Guard teams from eight other bases to provide a safe haven for Americans displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

SFS deploys for hurricanes

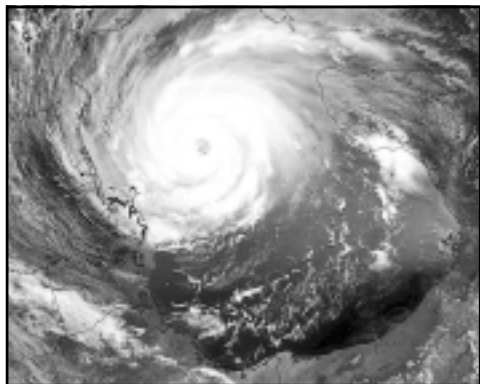
LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Seven members of the 927th Security Forces Squadron deployed here on short notice for 60 days as part of Joint Task Force Katrina.

Answering an urgent tasking from HQ Air Force Reserve Command Security Forces, the 927th SFS quickly assembled a team. The Selfridge contingent, led by Senior Master Sgt. Steven Ford, joined teams from eight other bases in forming a 91-member Joint Guard/Reserve Task Force whose mission was to provide a safe haven for fellow Americans displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"Our rapid response to this tragic situation clearly demonstrates the Guard and Reserve's expanded capabilities to reliably engage in emergency humanitarian missions while maintaining our traditional support of the Active Duty Force," said Capt. Michael Gibbs, 514th SFS, McGuire AFB, N.J., who led the AEF command element.

► STREET TALK

We all saw news reports of the disasters caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In what way have you been able to provide assistance to evacuees?



Master Sgt. Robert Ross, 927th OSF

◀ I have had many opportunities to assist the hurricane victims. I helped my children fill backpacks with toys, clothing, and various supplies which were sent to the disaster area through their school. I provided various supplies to my neighbor, who organized a neighborhood supply collection and personally drove the supplies to New Orleans. My church also collected food, clothing and money for delivery to the hurricane victims.



Tech. Sgt. Ron Taylor, 927th SFS

► I was part of the Security Forces team sent to San Antonio to ensure the safety of the evacuees and provide security on the local Air Force bases. I have also donated bottled water and food to my church. These supplies were taken to New Orleans and given to the hurricane victims.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Lamarr, 927th SFS

◀ The displaced evacuees need assistance. I went to San Antonio as part of a seven-man Security Forces team to ensure the safety of the evacuees and provide security on the local Air Force installations.



Senior Airman Rick Toothman, 927th CES

◀ I made a cash donation to the American Red Cross. I also look forward to the opportunity to help in other ways.

Staff Sgt. Heather Ashbeck, 927th ARW, Command Post

► I plan on volunteering at the church near my home. They are providing shelter and living space for the evacuees. I would like to assist with cooking meals as well as donating some baby products.



Stay safe from crime this holiday season

The holiday season is upon us and along with it comes the late night trips to the mall, social gatherings with drinking and long to-do lists. Unfortunately crime goes up during the holidays and if we are impaired due to stress, alcohol or preoccupation with activities we can become vulnerable to crimes, including sexual assault. Statistics show alcohol is involved in 75% of sexual assaults. Here are some tips to increase safety:

- Use the buddy system, go to a party with a friend and do not let them leave with anyone other than you or a cab.
- Trust your judgment, if you feel uncomfortable someplace leave right away.
- Never leave your drink unattended.
- Avoid activities where you know the soul purpose of the event is to drink.
- Park in a well lit open area, and do not be afraid to ask security to walk you to your car.

- Always be alert to your surroundings, have keys ready when you leave the building.
- Be aware of strangers approaching you to ask for donations or directions.
- Never get in someone's car; if they approach you, run and scream!
- Make sure you keep a good eye on your children, sometimes it is easy to get busy and less attentive; criminals know this and use it to their advantage.

► NEWS

Wing supports deployed CES, families

Eric Brian
Editor

Wing staff, unit leaders, family support, and others were on hand Aug. 23 to let Airmen of the 927th Civil Engineer Squadron and their families know the wing supports them – before, during and after their deployment to Southwest Asia.

The squadron held Family Day the day before the deployment.

“It is important that our families here at home stay in touch and feel comfortable contacting one another with questions, concerns or just to say hi,” said 927th CES Commander Lt. Col. (sel) Brian Klink.

Colonel Klink said three things must work for the reserve to function – “reservists themselves, employers’ support and most importantly, a family support base.”

All deployed Airmen make sacrifices for deployments, he told family members. “We’ll deal with a lot of heat and hard work, but the biggest sacrifice is leaving you all behind. You’re as much of the War on Terrorism as we are.”

Chap. (Maj.) Douglas DeWitt said family members should talk – to each other, to Family Support and to a chaplain – during the deployment.

“I know what you’re going through,” he said. “I’ve deployed as an Airman, as a line officer, as a chaplain, and my son was deployed.”

It’s OK to cry when parting with loved ones, he said. “Crying is a stress



PHOTO BY JOHN SWANSON, 127TH WG MULTIMEDIA SERVICES
Master Sgt. Michael McLatcher, 927th Civil Engineer Squadron, and his sons prepare for their goodbyes just prior to the unit’s Aug. 23 deployment to Southwest Asia. Wing staff and squadron leaders stressed to families the wing is here for support during the unit’s first squadron-wide deployment.

release. The shortest verse in the Bible is ‘Jesus wept.’ If Jesus can cry, so can members of the Air Force.”

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Bauer, 927th CES chief enlisted manager, followed the chaplain’s advice. During an emotional sendoff, he promised families he would treat their Airmen “as if each of them is my own ... I will take care of them.”

Chaplain DeWitt assured family members that they may not always be able to stay in contact with their Airmen, but not to worry.

“If you get e-mails, and they stop, it doesn’t mean something bad has hap-

pened, it means they may be busy,” he said. “When I was in Kuwait, they had a dump fire, and CE was very busy.”

Like many squadron members, Senior Airman Richard Barrera said he was looking forward to his first deployment.

“The worst part of this is leaving my family and friends,” he said. “The best part is I get to see the world while I serve my country. That’s what I signed up for.”

“He believes in what he’s doing, and is happy to do it,” said Sharon Ostrowski, mother of Tech Sgt. Todd Ostrowski.

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▶ UNIT PROFILE

Aerial Port loads cargo, passengers

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The 29th Aerial Port Flight is the unit of the 927th Air Refueling Wing tasked with loading and unloading cargo, and manifesting of cargo and passengers.

Since its inception in 2000, the 29th APF has risen to the challenges of operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch, Southern Watch and other taskings.

“We’ve had numerous challenges and we have now overcome those challenges,” said Tech. Sgt. Rae Lynn Cramer, full-time aerial port technician.

“Those challenges have served to strengthen mission effectiveness and unit cohesiveness,” said Capt. Robert A. Marchese, 29th APF commander.

The goal of the 29th APF is to support other units with the ability to sustain full airport operations, said Master Sgt. Edward B. Viverette, first sergeant.

The unit is tasked with being prepared for worldwide deployment for Department of Defense transportation requirements within 72 hours of notification.

“Training is of utmost importance to meet this ever increasing need during this era of high tempo operations, thus requiring troops to be prepared for anything anywhere at anytime,” said Captain. Marchese.

The unit is divided into six sections: Passenger, Special Handling, Cargo, Ramp, Load Planning and Air Terminal Operation Center.

On any given drill weekend, team members practice various load plans, depending on the type of aircraft being loaded. Each aircraft has its own unique requirements.

The passenger section, also known as PAX, is responsible for the movement of all passengers and their manifests.

The special handling section is tasked with shipping perishable items such as blood supplies, chemicals, radiological items and human remains. This section also handles hazardous materials.



PHOTO BY JOHN SWANSON, 127TH WG MULTIMEDIA SERVICES
29th Aerial Port Flight members Airman 1st Class Cana Garrison, Senior Master Sgt. Edward Stokes and Senior Airman Jessica Homann weigh the baggage of Senior Airman Richard Barrera, 927th CES.

29th APF assets

1 full-time air reserve technician

33 traditional reservists

Supervisors:

Tech. Sgt. Telly R. Perry — Special Handling

Tech. Sgt. Dean J. Hess — Cargo

Tech. Sgt. Oliver W. Leembrugger — Load Planner

Tech. Sgt. Chuck E. Sivik — Ramp

Recent deployments:

Senior Airman Rodger D. Zink — Kuwait

Staff Sgt. William J. Long — Kuwait

Master Sgt. Richard D. Crabtree —

Nellis AFB

Equipment:

K-loader

Fork lifts



The cargo section is responsible for moving all standard, non-hazardous items such as vehicles and all palletized materials.

Loading and off-loading of materials

and vehicles is done by the ramp section. They use a vehicle called a K-loader, a type of truck with a 25-foot platform on a scissors lift, to move materials in and out of the aircraft.

When placing items on an aircraft, one cannot place heavy or bulky items just anywhere. This is where the load planning section comes in. Their job is to balance the load in the aircraft for maximum stability. In most cases, computers are used to generate a load plan.

Pallets are then numbered and placed in the aircraft according to the plan.

The Air Terminal Operation Center has the job of overseeing all operations of each section.

Since the unit’s inception, it has processed approximately 3,000 passengers and 200 tons of cargo on base.

The 29th APF supports all wing deployments and missions, including humanitarian missions, and Civil Air Patrol, Employer Appreciation Day, and Spouse Appreciation flights. The unit is also involved in community activities, such as Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-Highway, Veterans Stand Down, and Muscular Dystrophy Association Boatlift.



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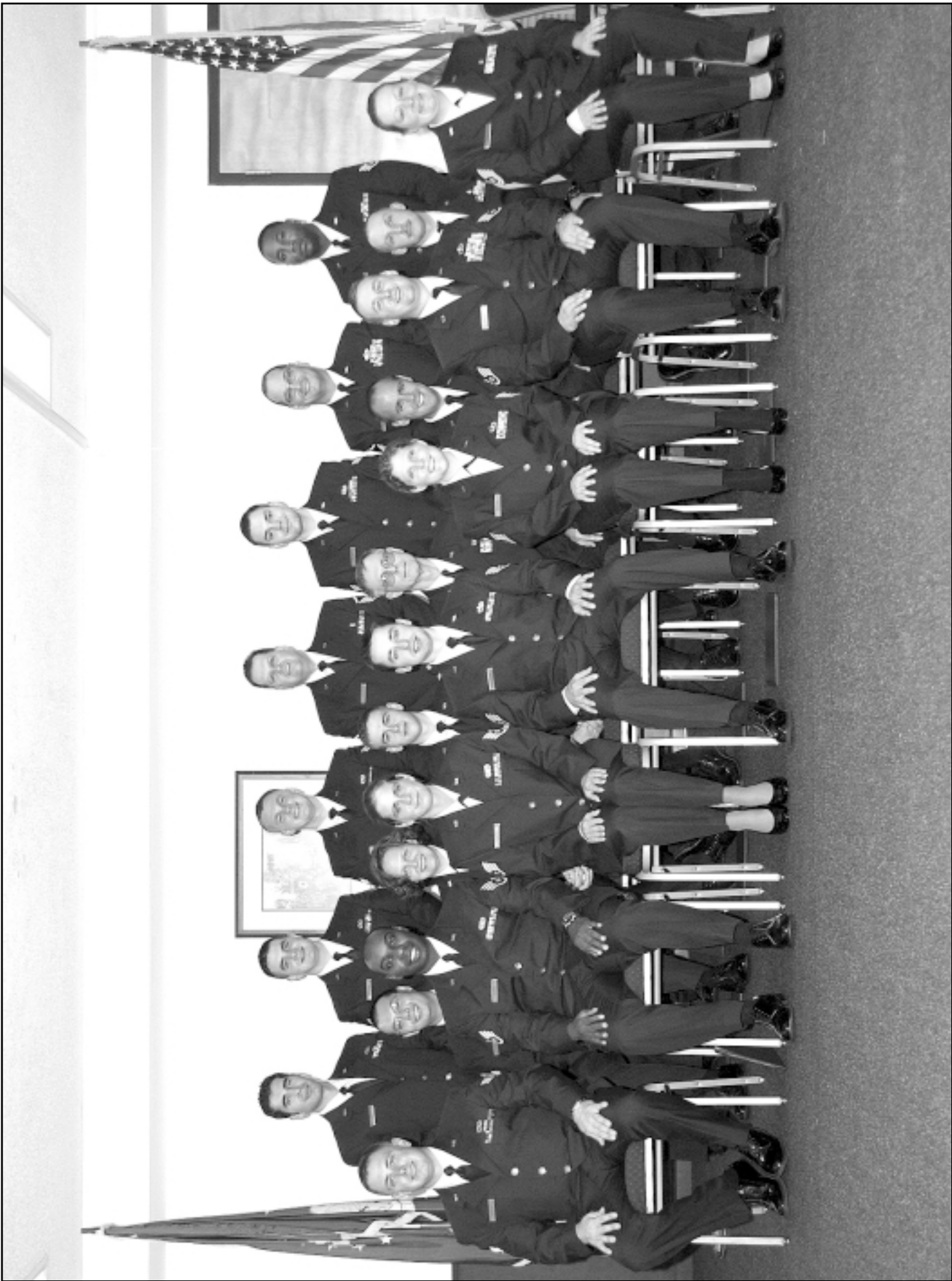


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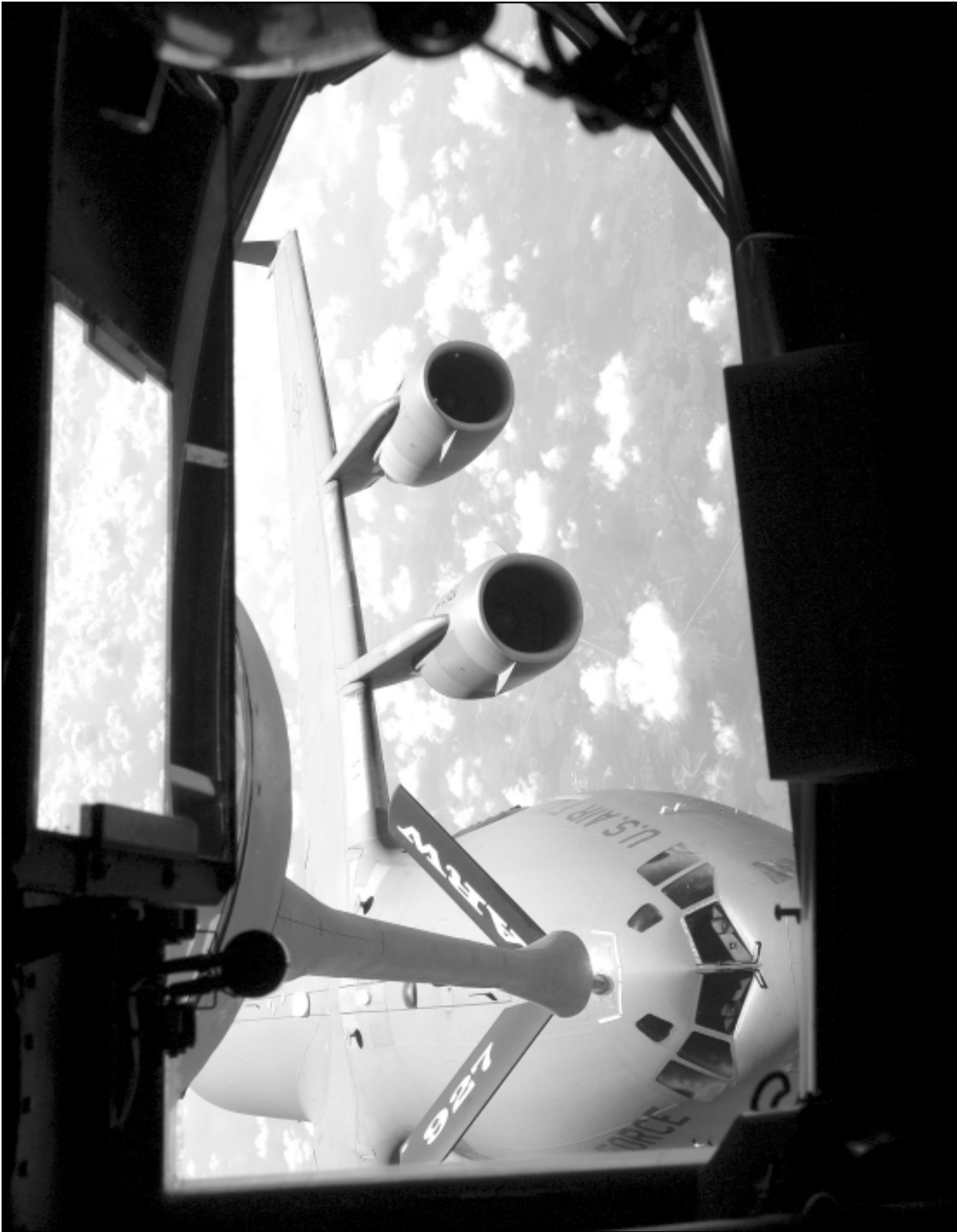
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September 2006

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3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18 Air Force Birthday	19	20	21	22	23 Rosh Hashanah
24 Ramadan begins	25	26	27	28	29	30
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				Lailat UI Qadr		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Eid-al-Fitr				
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		Halloween				
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November 2006

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
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December 2006

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 First Day of Chanukah
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Last Day of Chanukah
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
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Nzinga Moore, 927th SFS

Michael J. Packer, 927th MOF

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Dontell R. Smith, 927th LRS

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Tech. Sgt. Mark D. Hulley, 927th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Orzel, 927th MOF

Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer E. Prikopa, 927th MSS

Master Sgt. Thomas M. Smolen, 927th ARW

Tech. Sgt. Bryan G. Sparks, 927th SFS

Col. Kenneth D. Suggs, 927th ARW

Chief Master Sgt. James W. Wilton, 927th MXG

BIG PICTURE

December

3-4 Unit Training Assembly

January

21-22 Unit Training Assembly

February

11-12 Unit Training Assembly

March

18-19 Unit Training Assembly

April

22-23 Unit Training Assembly

May

20-21 Unit Training Assembly

Suiting up!



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Senior Airman Jonathan Raschke, deployed from the 927th Civil Engineer Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, inspects a chemical warfare protective mask prior to putting it on during a recent exercise at an air base in Southwest Asia. Airman Raschke and other members of the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron develop and participate in a wide variety of exercise scenarios designed to keep Airmen prepared to respond in case of attacks or natural disasters.

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